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COUNTY ESTIMATES

Corn for Grain – 2006 Crop

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Colorado corn production for 2006 was down from 2005. The total production of 134,160,000 bushels was a decrease compared to the previous year's crop of 140,600,000 bushels which was due to a decrease in planted and harvested acreage. While the 1,000,000 acres planted for all purposes was down 100,000 acres from the previous year, the 860,000 acres harvested for grain decreased 9 percent from 950,000 acres harvested in 2005. Average per acre yield on irrigated acres reached a record high of 202.5 bushels per acre, however, the average dryland yield of 32.0 was down from 38.5 bushels per acre in 2005. Dryland harvested acres remained unchanged from the previous year, but dryland harvested acres as a percent of total harvested acres increased from 25 to 27 percent.

Yuma County continued to be the top corn for grain producing area in the state by producing 47,217,000 bushels of corn in 2006. The latest crop was up 17 percent from the 40,213,000 bushels produced in 2005 and represented 35 percent of the state's total output. Producers in Yuma County planted 223,200 acres of corn for all purposes in 2006 and harvested 216,000 acres for grain. The county's planted and harvested acres continued to be the highest in the state. The average yield of 218.5 bushels per acre from the 2006 crop was 24.5 bushels per acre above the previous year.

Kit Carson County remained in the second place ranking for the 2006 crop with a total output of 18,725,000 bushels. The latest crop was 16 percent below the 22,380,000 bushels produced in 2005. Kit Carson County growers planted 167,000 acres of corn for all purposes, the second highest planted acreage of corn for all purposes in the state. The 154,500 acres harvested for grain represented a 7 percent decrease from the 167,300 acres harvested in 2005. This was the second highest corn for grain acres harvested in the state. Producers averaged 121.0 bushels per acre from the 2006 crop compared with a 134.0 bushel average yield from the 2005 crop.

Phillips County was again the third largest corn producing area of the state in 2006 with a total output of 13,095,000 bushels. The 2006 crop was 12 percent less than the 14,840,000 bushels produced in 2005. Producers harvested 93,000 acres of corn for grain in 2006, down 10 percent from the 103,100 acres harvested a year earlier. The average yield of 141.0 bushels per acre for the 2006 crop was 3.0 bushels per acre lower than the 2005 crop average of 144.0 bushels per acre.

Weld County moved up to fourth place in the top producing counties for the 2006 crop with a total output of 11,332,000 bushels. The county's latest crop was 18 percent larger than the 2005 output of 9,600,000 bushels. The 104,100 acres planted in the county was 3,100 acres below the previous year and the third largest in the state. The 65,700 acres harvested for grain represented an increase of 9,800 from the 55,900 acres harvested for grain a year earlier. The average yield of 172.5 bushels per acre was 1.0 bushels per acre above the 2005 crop average of 171.5 bushels.

Morgan County stayed in the list of the top five producing counties for the 2006 crop with a total output of 9,360,000 bushels. The harvested area of 47,300 acres was down 10 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 198 bushels per acre was 14.0 bushels above a year earlier.

The **top five counties** produced 99,729,000 bushels of grain corn in 2006, representing 74 percent of the state's total corn for grain crop. Those same five counties also produced 69 percent of the 2005 crop. The next five leading counties of **Logan, Sedgwick, Baca, Washington, and Cheyenne** had a combined output of 26,613,000 bushels, bringing the top ten county total to 126,342,000 bushels or 94 percent of the state's total corn for grain production in 2006. There were eleven counties in the state that produced over 1,000,000 bushels of grain corn in 2006.

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Corn for Grain: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 2006

	Total				Irrigated			Non-Irrigated		
County and District	Acreage planted ^{1/}	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre	Pro-duction	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre	Pro-duction	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre ^{2/}	Pro-duction
	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.
Boulder	2,400	2,000	147.5	295,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Larimer	12,700	4,000	137.5	550,000	4,000	137.5	550,000	...	...	...
Logan	63,800	60,500	130.0	7,880,000	41,000	178.0	7,300,000	19,500	29.5	580,000
Morgan	58,400	47,300	198.0	9,360,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sedgwick	44,600	39,500	155.0	6,123,000	31,000	186.0	5,770,000	8,500	41.5	353,000
Weld	104,100	65,700	172.5	11,332,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dist 20 Combined Counties	...	...	...	...	112,000	186.5	20,880,000	3,000	35.5	107,000
Northeast	286,000	219,000	162.5	35,540,000	188,000	183.5	34,500,000	31,000	33.5	1,040,000
Adams	6,700	5,100	167.5	853,000	4,600	181.0	833,000	500	40.0	20,000
Cheyenne	52,000	39,500	77.0	3,040,000	11,000	189.0	2,080,000	28,500	33.5	960,000
Elbert	3,800	3,700	42.5	158,000	...	...	...	3,700	42.5	158,000
Kiowa	20,500	13,200	43.5	575,000	700	185.5	130,000	12,500	35.5	445,000
Kit Carson	167,000	154,500	121.0	18,725,000	86,000	198.0	17,015,000	68,500	25.0	1,710,000
Lincoln	16,600	11,400	64.0	732,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Phillips	95,000	93,000	141.0	13,095,000	61,000	196.5	12,000,000	32,000	34.0	1,095,000
Washington	45,000	39,500	111.0	4,390,000	20,000	189.5	3,790,000	19,500	31.0	600,000
Yuma	223,200	216,000	218.5	47,217,000	200,000	232.5	46,500,000	16,000	45.0	717,000
Dist 60 Combined Counties	1,200	1,100	77.5	85,000	1,700	195.5	332,000	10,800	45.0	485,000
East Central	631,000	577,000	154.0	88,870,000	385,000	215.0	82,680,000	192,000	32.0	6,190,000
Delta	4,400	3,200	190.5	610,000	3,200	190.5	610,000	...	...	...
Mesa	4,000	2,700	189.0	510,000	2,700	189.0	510,000	...	...	...
Montezuma	1,700	1,500	168.0	252,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montrose	8,600	5,500	180.0	990,000	5,500	180.0	990,000	...	...	...
Dist 70 Combined Counties	800	300	80.0	24,000	1,600	169.0	270,000	200	30.0	6,000
Southwest	19,500	13,200	181.0	2,386,000	13,000	183.0	2,380,000	200	30.0	6,000
Baca	44,800	37,900	136.5	5,180,000	28,300	176.0	4,980,000	9,600	21.0	200,000
Bent	2,700	1,000	190.0	190,000	1,000	190.0	190,000	....	...	...
Huerfano	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Otero	2,600	2,100	228.5	480,000	2,100	228.5	480,000	...	...	...
Prowers	9,500	8,100	145.0	1,174,000	5,900	184.5	1,090,000	2,200	38.0	84,000
Pueblo	3,200	1,500	204.5	307,000	1,500	204.5	307,000	...	...	...
Dist 90 Combined Counties	400	200	165.0	33,000	200	165.0	33,000	...	...	...
Southeast	63,500	50,800	145.0	7,364,0000	39,000	181.5	7,080,000	11,800	24.0	284,000
State Total	1,000,000	860,000	156.0	134,160,000	625,000	202.5	126,673,000	235,000	32.0	7,520,000

^{1/} Planted for all purposes.

^{2/} May not calculate due to rounding.

(D) Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations.